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RETICLES FOR CHARGED-PARTICLE-BEAM
MICROLITHOGRAPHY EXHIBITING
REDUCED PROXIMITY EFFECTS, AND
RETICLES PRODUCED USING SAME

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

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This responds to the Office action dated February 4, 2003. Please amend the referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 3.